

What is claimed is:

1. Artist supporting and mediating system comprising:  
a vote accepting computer that accepts votes from  
supporters of preregistered artists or their artistic  
works;

a fee collecting computer that handles a process of  
charging fees to said supporters according to numbers of  
votes cast and a predetermined unit fee per vote;

a vote tabulating computer that tabulates votes for each  
artist or artistic work; and

a support fund distributing computer that distributes  
support funds to said artist or an artist who produced  
said artistic work corresponding to said number of votes  
based on a predetermined rate.

2. The artist supporting and mediating system described  
in claim 1 further comprising a dividend distributing  
computer that distributes dividends to each supporter  
according to the number of votes cast by said supporter  
or the number of votes owned by said supporter based on  
a predetermined condition.

3. The artist supporting and mediating system described  
in claim 2 wherein said dividend distributing computer  
distributes dividends when profits generated by artistic  
activities of said artist match with a predetermined  
condition.

4. The artist supporting and mediating system described  
in claims 1 further comprising a vote trade mediating  
computer that mediates trades of votes owned by said  
supporters.

5. The artist supporting and mediating system described  
in claims 1 further comprising a audio/visual distributing  
service computer that provides a service of audio/visual

distribution of artistic works of preregistered artists to said supporters.

6. The artist supporting and mediating system described in claims 1 further comprising a browsing/searching  
5 service computer that provides a service of allowing said supporters to browsing and/or searching attributive data of preregistered artists.

7. The artist supporting and mediating system described in either one of claims 1 through 6 comprising supporters'  
10 terminals and each said computers, which are interconnected via a computer network.

8. The artist supporting and mediating system described in either one of claims 1 through 6 comprising artists' terminals and each said computers, which are  
15 interconnected via a computer network.